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## HARDIN COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY,

- NCIS and Kentucky State Police investigate internet child porn

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville, returned an indictment on September 19, 2007, against **Holland Tommy Veach**, age 42, of Elizabethtown, Ky, in Hardin County, on charges of possession and distribution of child pornography, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment alleges that between February 12, 2007 and July 31, 2007 Veach possessed images of child pornography. The indictment also alleges that on June 12, 2007 Veach distributed images of child pornography, via a computer, in interstate commerce.

According to a state affidavit for search warrant by a detective with the Kentucky State Police, the following information was obtained: During an online investigation in an attempt to identify adults on the Internet that were trying to engage in sex acts with children, a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) posed as a 29-year-old woman with two 12-year-old children. On February 12, 2007, during the online investigation, the NCIS special agent was contacted in a Yahoo chat room by someone with the screen name "only\_pretend\_jackazz," who was subsequently identified as S/VEACH. S/VEACH made many suggestions of him having sexual contact with her daughter.

On June 7, 2007, the NCIS special agent was again contacted by S/VEACH using the

Yahoo user name "stch199." S/VEACH continued to talk about having sex with the mother and daughter. When the special agent added S/VEACH to her buddy list, the screen name showed the nickname "holland veach." On June 12, 2007, the special agent received an e-mail from S/VEACH that stated "picture your daughter like this" and contained five images of suspected child pornography attached.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of life; and the minimum potential penalty is 5 years imprisonment.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <a href="https://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/">www.projectsafechildhood.gov/</a>.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mac Shannon, and it was investigated by the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and Kentucky State Police Electronic Crimes Section.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.